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election expenses to be incurred in the current year. In view of the change in classification referred to, it has become necessary to provide under "22. V.D. 1. Elections to local boards and municipalities, the full amount of charges of holding election to non-union panchayats without a corresponding provision under "22. V.D. 2. Charges recoverable, etc.—Recoveries from local bodies."

It is therefore proposed to move a demand for a supplementary grant of Rs. 13,300 under "Grant XI.—Ministers, Civil Secretariats and Miscellaneous—Transferred," to cover the expenditure in the current year on the conduct of elections to non-union panchayats.

APPENDIX XI.

[Vide item VII (3) at page 71 supra.]

(3) CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE HEAD-QUARTERS HOSPITAL, COCANADA.

Grant.	Head of account.	Items of expenditure.	Ultimate cost. Recurring.	Ultimate cost. Non-recurring.	Amount of supplementary grant required in 1935–36.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(5)
			RS.	RS.	RS.
XXIX—Civil Works—Works—Reserved and Transferred.	60. a. Civil Works—Not charged to Revenue—Transferred—Original works—Buildings—N. Medical—Major works.	Construction of new buildings for the Head-quarters Hospital, Cocanada.	..	5,38,566 (or 5,38,600) in round figures.	100
	32. b. Medical—Hospitals and dispensaries—Transferred—B. Mufassal Hospitals and Dispensaries—	One woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon (65—7½/2—110—10/2—170).	1,340		
	2. Pay of establishments.	One midwife on (30—3/2—45—2/2—55).	507	..	
		Eight nurses on (65—5/2—120).	8,704	..	
		Eleven nursing orderlies on 15—1/2—19.	2,338	..	
		One compounder on Rs. 28—1/2—40.	400	..	
		Five totis Rs. 12 per mensem.	720	..	
		Bonus, 5 (2).	120	..	
	3. Allowances and Honoraria—Voted.	Other compensatory allowances—			
		Ration allowances (8 on Rs. 21-14-0).	2,100	..	
		Dhoby allowance (8 at Rs. 2-10-0 per mensem and 1 at Rs. 1-12-0 per mensem).	273	..	
		Uniform allowance (8 at Rs. 56-4-0 and 1 at Rs. 22-8-0 per annum).	473	..	
	4. Contingencies ..	Pay of menials (1 waterman on Rs. 12).	144	..	
		Cleaning charges ..	24	..	
	6. Diet	..	4,465	..	
	7. Medicines and Hospital necessaries	..	5,661	62,926	
	8. Other petty supplies and services.	Other petty supplies and services—Bed linen, 8 (20) and furniture, 8 (150).	..	1,360	
		Total ..	27,269	* 6,02,852	

* NOTE.—This amount is exclusive of the cost of any additional staff which may be found necessary in connexion with the work.

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Explanatory Note.

The present buildings of the Headquarters Hospital, Cocanada, are in a dilapidated condition and are unfit for the purposes of a hospital. The necessity for constructing new buildings has long been admitted and an estimate of Rs. 1,40,000 was approved by Government so long ago as 1915, when the hospital was under municipal management. The work, however, could not be taken up, mainly on financial grounds. The Surgeon-General raised the question again in 1926 and suggested that a new hospital should be built on the site adjoining the Lady Havelock Hospital for Women and Children, Cocanada, which has now been taken over by Government from the District Board. The site of the existing main hospital was considered unsuitable as it is in one corner of the town cut off from the main portion of it and the railway station by a salt creek. It was also reported to be insanitary. The site adjoining the Lady Havelock Hospital is more central and the construction of a new hospital here will ensure efficient and economical management of the two institutions. In view of these considerations, the Government accepted the Surgeon-General's suggestion and asked for plans and estimates for constructing a new hospital on this site. Rough plans and approximate estimates were received but as the acquisition of the land required would take time, the Government considered that it would be preferable to proceed with the acquisition in the first instance. The land required for the purpose has been acquired at a cost of Rs. 70,300.

2. The construction of well-equipped up-to-date hospital buildings for the Headquarters Hospital, Cocanada, is an urgent necessity and the matter should therefore be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible. The Chief Engineer who was asked to submit detailed plans and estimates for the buildings for a new headquarters hospital has submitted only rough plans and approximate estimates. The total approximate estimate based on cubical measurements of the new buildings is Rs. 5,38,566 (or Rs. 5,38,600 in round figures).

3. The existing two hospitals in Cocanada provide accommodation as follows:—

(1) The District Headquarters Hospital caters for both males and females with 71 beds; and

(2) the Hospital for Women and Children with 14 beds.

The combined new hospital is intended to provide for men, women and children with the women and children's wing as a separate and distinct block utilizing the present buildings. The new hospital will have 167 beds in all, including the female ward. It is proposed to construct quarters for the following staff also:—

4 sub-assistant surgeons;

3 midwives;

12 nurses;

21 nursing orderlies; and

11 totis.

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The cost of the quarters will be restricted as far as possible on the basis of the standard rent leviable. The proposal also involves an ultimate recurring expenditure of Rs. 27,269 under "Establishment," "Diet," and "Medicines and Hospital necessaries" and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 6,02,852 as detailed at the top of this note. In view of the special urgency of the scheme, it is proposed to start the work in the current year itself and take up for execution the out-patients, venereal and skin clinics for males and females and the compound wall. The amount required in the current year for this purpose will be Rs. 10,500 and it can be met by reappropriation from savings within the sanctioned grant for civil works expenditure. As, however, the proposed reconstruction of the hospital at a cost of about Rs. 6 lakhs constitutes a new service, it is proposed to move a demand for a supplementary grant for a token sum of Rs. 100 under "Grant XXIX—Civil Works." It is also proposed to debit the expenditure to "60. Civil Works—Not charged to Revenue" and to finance it from Provincial balances for the present as the estimated cost of the scheme exceeds Rs. 5 lakhs.

APPENDIX XII.

[Vide item VII (4) at page 72 supra.]

(4) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO MEET EXPENDITURE ON FAMINE RELIEF.

Grant. (1)	Head of account. (2)	Amount of supplementary grant required in 1935-36. (3)
		RS.
XXXII. Famine Relief—Reserved.	43. Famine	14,39,800

Explanatory note.

The budget estimate for 1935–36 under "43. Famine" was fixed at Rs. 1,25,000. Famine relief operations were started in 1934–35 in the Anantapur and Bellary districts and twenty-one relief works in the former and eight in the latter were opened for the relief of distress, the largest number of persons relieved being 90,654 per day, during the week ending 13th July 1935, in the Anantapur district and 38,125 per day, during the week ending 20th July 1935, in the Bellary district. There has however been a considerable improvement in seasonal conditions since then. Agricultural operations are being resumed and the number of persons on relief has fallen appreciably.

The total amount required under "43. Famine Relief—Voted" during 1935–36 is now estimated at Rs. 15,64,800 and excluding the amount of Rs. 1,25,000 for which provision has already been made in the Budget Estimate for 1935–36, the additional allotment now required is Rs. 14,39,800, as indicated in the appendix to this note. It is proposed to move a demand for a supplementary grant for this amount. The expenditure will be met by transfer from the Famine Relief Fund.